



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Group Art Unit: 2879

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For: SPARK PLUG AND METHOD OF PRODUCING SPARK PLUG

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the outstanding Office Action of November 6, 2002, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 16-19 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Amended) A spark plug comprising:

a center electrode;

a ground electrode opposing the center electrode in such a manner as to define a spark
discharge gap between the center electrode and the ground electrode; and

an igniter fixed to at least one of the center electrode and the ground electrode in such a
manner as to face the spark discharge gap, the igniter being composed of a metallic material

whose principal component is one of a platinum and an iridium, the metallic material of the

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